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OUR GREAT TASK

Interdenominational work in defense areas gains momentum.

Rev. Bernard S. Davis conducts two services each Sunday in Vallejo, calls at 650 homes in a single month, and conducts workers' conferences.

Rev. Harold H. Henderson of Richmond has on his hands the planning of religious work and activities for 100,000 men, women and children in tremendous housing units and trailer camps. This includes 16,000 Negroes. Assisting him there is a chaplain in the dormitories and a man working in the trailer camps. There are five additional workers in the housing units, where there are seven Sunday Schools and worship services. Four more Sunday Schools and worship centers will be organized as soon as units are completed.

Miss Doris Johnson has been secured by the newly formed Alameda Council of Churches and is supervising two Sunday Schools and getting under way a well-rounded program of education, social life, and recreation.

Rev. Norman W. Pendleton continues his very effective leadership in Marin City, which is now sufficiently organized to take over from the Northern California Council of Churches its own financial administration.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, formerly Pacific Coast representative of the Board of Missions of the Lutheran Church, has been secured as minister to Service Personnel in the Bay area. Offices have been set up in the Central Y.M.C.A. building and strong committees have been formed. Congregationalists are represented on these committees by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Mr. Peirce Coombes.

The Sacramento Christian Service Men's Center is reaching large numbers of young men from nearby military establishments, particularly on the weekend.

To all of these projects we Congregationalists are contributing through our gifts to the Committee for War Victims and Services.

KODACHROME SLIDES AVAILABLE

Arrangement has been made whereby a set of kodachrome slides with accompanying lecture on the work of the Committee on Assistance to War Victims and Services, will be available to our churches between November 17 and January 13. No charge is made for the use of these slides and the lecture other than transportation from and to the Conference office in San Francisco. Churches that desire them will do well to make request at an early date. These slides were shown at Lokoya conference, and are highly recommended by Rev. W. W. Meyer who was the director.

There is also available, without charge, a set of kodachrome slides which would be interesting to our churches and Sunday Schools who want to promote understanding and good will with our Jewish friends. They are put out by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and may be secured with a few days' notice by writing that organization at 703 Market Street, San Francisco 3. These slides depict the actual progress of a project carried through by the children in a New Jersey week-day church school.

The Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion will be held February 22, 23 and 24, 1944. Dr. W. E. Hocking of Harvard, who will be a visiting teacher in the winter quarter, will give the annual Earl Lectures.

OUR PEOPLE RALLY AT OAKLAND

The September issue of The Pacific introduced to its readers a great array of speakers to be heard at the forthcoming Conference meeting at Plymouth Church, Oakland, including Rev. Russell J. Clinchy, just returned from studying the work of the churches among American and allied troops in Great Britain, where he conferred with Britain's leaders in state, church, education, and military forces; Rev. John R. Scotford, editor of "Advance"; Mr. Ronald Bridges, distinguished layman and brother of Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, and Professor Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, who is to begin a month's survey of interracial tensions in San Francisco.

Supt. Harley H. Gill has announced as the subject of his annual address and report, "Centrifugal Christianity." The panel discussion by present and former superintendents and field workers on "This Congregationalism of Ours" promises to be a revelation. Rev. William Moll Case, Conference preacher, will use as his theme, "A Global Gospel." Rev. John H. Gregg of Fresno will be the chaplain, speaking three times, his subjects being "The Higher Loyalty," "The Living Bible," and "The Supreme Test."

Dr. Blanche Carrier, who is making her presence felt in California in many communities, will tell us about the week-day church school of religion. Pacific School of Religion will have an hour, presenting its program of post-war rehabilitation by "The Post-Warriors."

An hour will be devoted to the proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, both groups being represented. The pastors of the Evangelical and Reformed churches will attend the ministers' luncheon as guests and will be introduced at the first session of the Conference.

Hotel accommodations in Oakland cannot be had. Plymouth Church will arrange lodgings at $1.00 a night. Noon and evening meals will be served at the church. Plymouth Church requests great care in sending reservations for lodgings and meals well in advance, and will appreciate the contribution of ration points. Meals will be served as follows:

Tuesday evening, cafeteria style.

Wednesday noon, 65 cents.

Wednesday evening there will be two dinners, men and women eating separately, 85 cents per plate.

Thursday noon, women's luncheon at 65 cents, the men eating in another dining room.

Thursday evening, the Conference banquet for all comers, at 85 cents.

Registration fee, as usual, will be $1.00. This will care for the expense of the program and travel for out-of-town delegates. Quotas have been given to the churches.

Voting delegates should be elected, at least two from each church, and one additional delegate for each 100 members in excess of 200, but no church having more than five.

Pastors Confer

Not a few pastors in our Conference are undertaking the work of the new year with greater courage and insight because of devoting a full day to the consideration of parish evangelism with Dr. Wofford C. Timmons of New Britain, Conn. Dr. Timmons was sent to California by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. He spent six days in our Conference. Two were given to a laymen's retreat and four were given to ministers' meetings in as many centers—Fresno, Oakland, Palo Alto, and Sacramento. Forty-two pastors were in attendance. Those who were unable to be present will get something of Dr. Timmons' contribution by reading the pamphlet recently issued by the Commission on Evangelism, entitled "The Task of the Church in This Time," copies of which can be ordered through the Pacific Book Service at ten cents per copy. Dr. Timmons will be long remembered for his brotherly spirit, his rich experience, and the quality of his thinking.

FORWARD OREGON

Our sister Conference of Oregon has taken two steps forward, one a program which will bring it to self-support in three years, and the other the calling of Rev. Paul A. Davies, formerly field secretary of the Southern California Conference, as the new superintendent. We note that the Klamath church celebrated its anniversary some weeks ago and that our own Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel, a former pastor, was present. The present pastor is Eugene Haynes, who graduated from the Pacific School of Religion and was ordained here.

LAYMEN'S DINNER

While a number of laymen will attend throughout the sessions of the Conference, the Laymen's Commission is concentrating its effort in securing a large attendance at the men's dinner on Wednesday night, October 20. This will be at Plymouth Church, Oakland, at 6:30. The price for the dinner will be 85 cents. Ministers will be privileged to attend but the program is entirely in the hands of lay people, with Harold T. Avery serving as toastmaster, Lawrence Moore as leader of community singing, Alexander Pirie at the piano, and Robert Carlson as cornetist. The dinner address will be delivered by Ronald Bridges, one of our national laymen leaders, on "These Things I Do." The men will then adjourn to the church auditorium and hear Dr. Charles S. Johnson, our great Negro speaker, on "The Challenge of Our Minority Problem on the Home Front."

WE ALL REJOICE

Good news for Northern California Congregationalists comes in the announcement from Pacific School of Religion that President Buell Gallagher of Talledega College has resigned to become Professor of Christian Ethics, the first fulltime professor of that subject that the School has had in recent years. Dr. Gallagher is a graduate of Carleton College and Union Theological Seminary; he holds the Ph.D. degree from Columbia and the honorary D.D. degree from Oberlin. He has studied abroad, and is regarded as one of the ablest, most forward-looking men in our fellowship. He has served for ten years at Talledega. He will reach Berkeley just before Christmas, beginning his teaching with the winter quarter.

NEW WORK IN OLD AREA

A brand new project in an old and honored location! That is the thrilling announcement which Pacific is privileged to make at this time. As is well known, Negro people during recent years have been increasingly occupying the area surrounding the Berkeley Park Church. Last spring the pastor and members of the church, and the Conference Board came to the conclusion that the closing chapter of the ministry to Caucasian people by our South Berkeley Church had been written. Splendid service had been rendered for 40 years or more, but the change in the community demanded a different type of work.

Following a survey during the summer by Rev. Harold Kingsley, pastor of our great Negro church in Chicago, the Conference Board of Directors took action opening new work in the old building under Negro leadership. The man chosen for the task is a senior student at Pacific School of Religion, Mr. Roy Nichols. He is a graduate of Lincoln University. He has had wide experience in student and young people's work. He is known already as a leader in the Negro community of Oakland and Berkeley, and last year was president of the Student Body at Pacific School of Religion.

A beginning will be made with a program for children and young people, with decision as to whether a church will be formed held in abeyance until the needs of the community are clearer. A committee consiting of Rev. Robert Inglis, Mrs. Laura Clarke, Mr. Rufus Kerlinger, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, and Superintendent Gill will serve as a directing body during the initial stages of development.

WEEK-END RETREAT

Twenty-one men from eight churches were in attendance at the Laymen's Retreat at Drobish Ranch near Marysville, September 25 and 26. The leaders of the discussion were Peirce Coombes of Redwood City and San Francisco, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission of the Conference; Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, distinguished pastor from New Britain, Conn.; Dr. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion, and Superintendent Gill. Rev. Henry L. Boardman, father of Mrs. Drobish, made many valuable contributions to the discussions, in which every man participated. The surroundings were ideal for the enjoyment of fellowship. The Drobishes are excellent hosts. The questions considered were such as would develop a higher loyalty to the church and a better understanding of the meaning of Christianity for our day. Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento, member of the Laymen's Commission, was largely responsible for the success in securing attendance.

ORDER NOW

Pastors have received sample packets of literature from the Commission on Evangelism and the Missions Council. Never has better or more attractive and usable material come to our desks. Its use will be of real assistance in our work for the year. Some pastors are basing their programs for the coming months on suggestions in "The Plan Book." Pacific Book Service will carry a stock of most of the literature. Because of delays in mails, it would be the part of wisdom to order early.

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UNIT PLAN

N. F. Sanderson of Martinez is meeting with remarkable response as he visits churches and individuals in behalf of the Unit Plan. Present indications are that Northern California will exceed its quota of 30 units. This is something we ought to do since, due to a late start, we did not subscribe our quota for 1942. Briefly put, one unit of $100 will maintain the pension of one aged minister or minister's widow at the level agreed upon by the denomination many years ago. The maximum pension received under this plan will be $500 per year for a minister and $300 for a widow even with this help, which in these times of high prices is little enough. It is imperative that we do not do less. The Conference office or Mr. Sanderson will be glad to receive subscriptions or answer inquiries.

OUR CHAPLAINS

Rev. Frederick L. Fagley, who has been responsible for enlisting Congregational chaplains, reports that 77 more will be needed from the Congregational ministry by January 1, and that will give us a total of about 400 in the Army and 70 in the Navy. This would seem to indicate that we have nearly 400 at the present time. More than 300 sets of communion services have been supplied for their use, and over 100,000 sewing kits have been sent to chaplains. Books, magazines, and literature have been furnished in great quantities.

CONGRATULATIONS

A letter has been received at the Conference office from Rev. George Aki, expressing his great delight over being accepted as a chaplain in the United States Army. George Aki was one of the two young men ordained in the Tanforan Japanese Assembly Center. He grew up in the Fresno Japanese Church, graduated from Fresno State College and Pacific School of Religion, married one of our splendid Congregational girls, Miss Misaki Iijima, and has been engaged in religious work in the Relocation Center at Denson, Arkansas. After a period of training at Harvard, he will be chaplain for Japanese young men of the United States Army who are in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

PROGRESS

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions reports that as a result of the summer appeal 2,459 gifts were received, totaling $69,079. This was an increase both in the number of gifts and the amount.

Rev. Albert A. Stauffacher, minister of the Missions Council, gathered apportionment figures for the period ending July 31 and found that the gain throughout the country for state, home and foreign work amounted to 11 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. Pacific coast states bettered the national average, making an increase of 14 per cent.

Attention!

Receipts for the month of September were a disappointment. While benevolence income is still $1700 ahead of last year, ground was lost during the last month. Pastors, treasurers, and committee chairmen will do well to examine carefully the following columns of figures. In such times of prosperity there is no reason why we should not increase our giving by at least a fourth.

Church	Sept., 1943	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1943	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1943
Adin	.....	$ 6.47	$ 11.47
Alameda	141.40	525.82	430.29
Alturas	3.30	77.53	26.74
Angels Camp	.....	75.00	115.00
Antioch	.....	24.43	42.05
Auburn	10.00	90.00	103.07
Benicia	15.55	41.61	30.00
Berkeley, First	.....	3,791.04	3,785.55
Kensington	.....	20.00	20.00
North	61.35	390.81	346.85
Park	.....	171.24	47.80
Campbell	.....	157.50	146.00
Cedarville	.....	50.00	65.00
Cloverdale	5.60	63.12	49.20
Cotati	.....	44.95	86.65
Crockett	.....	77.81	79.69
Dinuba	.....	.88	.....
Etna	.....	.....	5.32
Eureka	.....	244.52	304.90
Fairfax	.....	30.75	15.00
Ferndale	91.83	320.88	307.89
Fresno, First	.....	915.33	489.32
Japanese	.....	.....	35.00
Pilgrim	100.00	200.00	68.08
Glen Ellen	20.00	30.00	.....
Guerneville	.....	15.00	.....
Hayward	.....	200.00	150.00
Kenwood	.....	22.25	6.10
Likely	.....	29.04	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	18.27	.....
First	.....	1,228.25	710.00
Loleta	2.98	28.73	.....
Loomis	.....	43.67	30.71
Martinez	21.63	320.21	247.16
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	4,020.00	4,085.00
Fruitvale	.....	30.00	30.00
Japanese	.....	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	21.00	33.17
Plymouth	70.37	802.96	637.48
Oroville	59.75	191.29	25.00
Pacific Grove	.....	226.48	135.49
Palo Alto	.....	600.00	1,003.85
Paradise	.....	232.70	175.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	22.25	35.15
Pescadero	.....	.....	5.00
Petaluma	186.20	402.03	367.27
Pittsburg	7.70	119.20	112.81
Port Chicago	5.00	8.72	8.12
Porterville	.....	290.00	160.00
Redwood City	.....	565.67	522.95
Rio Vista	.....	14.00	.....
Ripon	7.51	134.12	147.65
Sacramento	47.83	591.97	483.24
Selida	.....	60.00	50.00
San Carlos	.....	78.90	76.40
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	6.00	136.92	174.83
First	104.26	1,016.68	953.98
Ocean View	7.00	82.00	65.00
Richmond	60.00	135.00	75.00
San Jose	55.00	515.00	500.20
San Leandro	.....	76.74	54.06
San Mateo	140.10	685.81	595.72
San Rafael	.....	40.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	.....	400.00	450.00
Santa Rosa	.....	113.00	108.00
Saratoga	160.11	448.13	350.45
Sebastopol	28.75	151.31	102.27
Sonoma	.....	107.24	76.31
Soquel	.....	64.10	50.00
Stockton	54.60	434.35	384.24
Suisun	.....	50.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	.....	52.00	37.50
Tulare	.....	259.23	308.50
Weaverville	20.00	80.00	122.00
Woodside	.....	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	352.51	275.66
Misc. & Individual	.....	944.64	1,462.55
	$1,933.82	$23,928.06	$22,240.69

A Sunday evening forum in the city of Oakland is being sponsored by the Institute of International Relations and five down-town churches including our First Church and Plymouth Church. Subjects to be presented beginning October 3 are as follows: "We Need a Governed World," "The Responsibilities of the United States for a Governed World," "International Economic Necessities for a Durable Peace." The meetings will be held in First Methodist Church each Sunday evening at 7:30.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Christmas gift committee is seeing to it that snapshots of the various church members and friends are taken and sent to the Service boys, along with other gifts.

"LOYALTY"

Miss Maryette Lum, one of our returned missionaries who has been teaching in the Tule Lake Japanese Relocation Center, has sent to the editor the following comment written by a young Christian Japanese by the name of Shuji Kimura on a question submitted by the authorities to all interned Japanese:

Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, any other foreign sovereignty, power, or organization? Question 28, W.R.A. 126 Revised.

"Fix up the questionnaire for the Jap concentration camps; ask them if they're loyal to the U. S."—and so the form must have been written in 10 seconds of an afternoon in an office in Washington, D. C., teletyped and sent to the 10 relocation camps in the West. Allegiance—United States—. Did the person who phrased that question ask himself what allegiance means, what United States means? If he did, he could not have asked this question lightly, for this question can only be asked humbly, and only to one's own self.

Loyalty doesn't mean saying "Yes" or "No," or extending one's hand to the flag, or raising a hat or standing up when one hears the "Star-Spangled Banner"; anyone can do these things. No, loyalty has to be in our hearts and in our memories; it has to be in our fibre and in our bones. Loyalty comes from having lived in America, and having lived deeply.

Loyalty lies in our memories of having gone to school carrying our lunches in cut-plug cans; in the boyhood of shinny and marbles and Indian fights; of baseball in the spring and football in the fall; of fights after school inside tense, hushed circles; of the joys of Valentines given with burning cheeks. It lies in the memories of algebra and Shakespeare, of workshop and participles and gerunds.

Loyalty comes from the friends we have in our hearts; from the memories of picnics in the hills, the fishing trips, the spilled bacon grease and pork and beans; of soda fountains after basketball games, of giant sandwiches and pickles from raided refrigerators.

Loyalty lies in having loved a person who lived beneath these skies; in the memories of flowers gathered with a singing heart, of a smile treasured and remembered, of awakening to a new and greater world; and, too, in the memories of pain and loneliness.

Loyalty comes from knowing the beauties of the country; the ranges of the West white with snow in the winter, blue-black with firs in the summer; seeing the sun slip into the ocean, the sky growing dimmer, the lighthouse blinking in the dusk. It comes from climbing mountains thru fog to the clear sun above, from swimming in the cold rivers from snow-fed lakes, from starting across the chasms and coulees of the great western rivers. It comes with the thrill of the first crocus, the dusty leaves of summer, the damp dews of the hunting season.

Loyalty means having worked in America; plowing the steaming earth in the spring, chopping the weeds and spraying the insects, and harvesting late into the chill dusk of autumn; it means banging paper bags in the fruit stands; it means pitching fish late into the night in the canneries, heaving the rails on the mainline, grabbing the moving river of lumber in the mills; it means having cleared an acre of cedar stumps with dynamite and cap and fuse.

Loyalty in our hearts means having known the bitterness of contempt; the lie, "Sorry, we're full right now"; having known the poverty of the farms, the squalor and the smells of the city; the helplessness against the men who sit in legislatures passing laws to drive us from our farms, from our jobs. It means remembering the pain of auctions of our furniture and cattle before a crowd.

But above all, loyalty means affirming and re-echoing in our hearts the American dream that we shall live so that the black and white and red and yellow men shall be considered equal men; that it is the man, and not his color or his wealth, that each person who breathes this air is a part of America, and will be asked to give and share alike, neither to be proud nor ashamed.

Loyalty lies in all these, in having been a part of American life; but somehow, if someone asks us about it, we don't want to talk about it; we don't want to be asked about it. It is as if a man were to ask another, "Do you love your wife?" There is no answer because the answer must come too deep, and no thoughtful man would ask such a question. We will have to fight for the day when no American need ask another American or another race, "Are you loyal to the U. S.?"

BENICIA. Rev. Isaac Fleming arranged a preaching mission covering a ten-day period, with Rev. Robert Inglis, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Superintendent Gill, Rev. Pierson Parker, and Rev. James Muilenburg as speakers. Attendance was not large, but the spirit of the meetings was good.

GLEN ELLEN. Five new signs, directing people in the town to the church, have been placed. Two new members were recently received. Congregations almost fill the church and substantial contributions are being made to benevolences. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt has urged families to attend and sit together for the service on World-wide Communion Day. He is making an earnest effort to keep in touch with the church boys in the Service so that they may feel at home with their new pastor on their return.

PESCADERO. Fire destroyed the kitchen at the rear of the church and damaged one or two small rooms and the church auditorium. Plans are already being laid looking toward extensive repairs. Mr. Ralph H. Watkins of Half Moon Bay serves as pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Every family in the church has been asked to read the entire Gospel of Luke in preparation for a sermon by the pastor, Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian. Each week a book of the Bible will be studied by the people in their homes.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Donald Gaylord is beginning a series of five sermons on "Your Task as a Christian." The church has two new youth assistants, Miss Jane Patton and Mr. Harold Hill, both students at San Anselmo.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

During August Rev. David Stowe, director of Plymouth House, our Congregational student center, completed calls on all new students at the University that seemed to have some Congregational background or preference. Sunday evening discussions are on timely subjects and stimulate real interest. There is more rapid change in the personnel than in previous years due to the draft and marriage and the coming in of service men. Through gifts of interested people an automatic coin phonograph has been installed.

CHAPLAIN L. V. WALTERS

Chaplain L. V. Walters is finding abundant opportunity for service at Camp McQuaide. Total attendance for services at the chapel and hospital for August reached 3700, and for the first two weeks of September, 1400.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman has arrived from Milford, Connecticut, and started his pastorate on World-wide Communion Sunday. He was ordained to the Congregational ministry on September 12 in his Connecticut church, the Rev. Oscar E. Maurer preaching the sermon. The people of Pilgrim Church have provided living quarters, and recently spent a day in volunteer work tidying up the church building and grounds. President Emeritus Herman F. Swartz supplied during the month of September. The Conference is sharing with the people, fifty-fifty, in the new program of work. Churches of the East Bay it is hoped will cooperate in furnishing workers to canvass the entire neighborhood, introducing the minister and inviting people to attend. Mr. Eshelman is well known in this area, having been a student at Pacific School of Religion, and pastor at Ocean View Church.

REDWOOD CITY. The potluck dinner and post-vacation rally sponsored by the Women's Guild drew a capacity crowd and many requests for an early encore. The Plymouth Guild plans a similar affair in October. Sunday morning worship attendance is exceeding that of last year, despite temporary withdrawals due to war service. The church Service flag now contains 71 stars, of which two are gold. The 1944 budget is being prepared. Helpful contact has been maintained with the "adopted" chaplain, to whom has been furnished a good typewriter and many songbooks. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Of about 59 young people, more or less interested in the J.O.Y. Club at Angels Camp a year ago last January, only 15 remain in the community. Thirty-two of 57 church members have moved away. This indicates something of what happens to districts where there are no war industries. Ten percent of the membership is giving according to the plan of the Committee for War Services. Rev. John G. Dickey has given up his work on the War Price and Rationing Board because of the pressure of other duties.

CEDARVILLE. Robert Carlson has completed his summer service in Surprise Valley and returned to Pacific School of Religion, carrying with him the affection and good wishes of the people of the community. Rev. Theodore Schulz of Alturas will hold services each Sunday evening, and will carry on other phases of parish ministry.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. David Stowe, Rev. Pierson Parker, and Rev. Ralph Conard have been assisting the pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, in a "Christian Crusade." On World-wide Communion Sunday, four infants were baptized, one of them being Marilyn Jewel, daughter of the pastor. Rev. G. Austin Charnock assisted in this service.

OAKLAND, FIRST. All departments of the Sunday School resumed classes on Rally Day, September 19. Mr. Elmer Windisch of Pacific School of Religion was welcomed as new student assistant. The Women's League heard with interest reports of the young people's summer conferences and the M.E.M. Conference. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

PARADISE. Word reaches The Pacific from the New York office of the Building Society that final payment on the parsonage loan mortgage has been received from the Paradise Church. Congratulations, Paradise, and to the pastor, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall.

OROVILLE. In order to undertake a much needed program of redecoration, repair, painting, etc., this church asked the constituency to subscribe $1640 for the purpose. $2250 has been subscribed and the end is not yet! On Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, twenty-five of the leading officers and members of the church held an Institute and Retreat at the Drobish Far View Ranch. Plans for the year were laid. On September 26 an all church visitation was carried out, some thirty teams making about 300 calls. The Pilgrim Guild has outlined its semi-monthly meeting program for the year, assigning different members to conduct devotions, and listing speakers and subjects for discussion. Rev. Frank E. Carlson is pastor.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, reports that the Church School was closed in the summer but opened September 26 with a large and enthusiastic enrollment. Church attendance and finances kept up unusually well during the summer. Worshippers have been inspired by the recent installation of a dossal in the chancel, a rust fabric enclosed in a frame of oak matching the communion table. A young people's choir is being organized to participate in the worship service of the church. Open House for youth is a regular feature of the week on Friday night.

ALAMEDA. Mr. Donald MacCallum of Pacific School of Religion has been secured as student assistant to help with the Sunday School and young people's work. Rev. Ralph Conard, the pastor, began an adult Bible class on October 3 under the theme "Studies in the Christian Life." Alameda Church people have been almost overwhelmed by the problems which the tremendously increased population have brought. To meet the situation, a Council of Churches, a Co-ordinating Council, and a Community Chest have all been set up in these last few weeks.

SACRAMENTO. Seven laymen attended the retreat at the Drobish Ranch. Mr. David H. Gill of this church is a member of the Laymen's Commission. A Sunday evening forum was launched on September 26, with Rev. Wofford C. Timmons of New Britain, Conn., as the first speaker. Rev. Torrance Phelps has prepared a new and very attractive leaflet on why one should unite with the church, which he uses in his parish.

GUERNEVILLE. The boys' club is thoroughly organized with a program of crafts, sports, and character development. Attendance includes nearly all boys in town under 14. They attend Sunday morning church school in a group. Attendance at the church school on rally Sunday was 35. Henry Hayden, who is serving as pastor, has called on all members of the parish during his first month of service.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Sixteen members were received on September 19 and a number more on World Communion Day. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, is giving a series of sermons on Jesus, "As a Man," "As a Workman," "a Friend," "a Leader," "a Shepherd," and "a Savior." Various San Francisco clergymen are speaking at the Thursday midweek services.

ALTURAS. Rev. Theodore Schultz attended the Sylvan Dale Conference and Training School during the early summer. He has consented to serve the Cedarville Church, and will undoubtedly preach at Likely at regular intervals, but will discontinue his work at Canby.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Well Baby Clinic is now nearly 7 years old. Scores of mothers and their babies have taken advantage of it. Five new members were received into fellowship on World Communion Sunday, one of them a young man in absentia, en route to his post with the Navy in the South Seas. This church is undertaking in a heroic way the gigantic task of entertaining the State Conference and the serving of five meals for the entire group. On the evening before the conference, a reception will be held for former ministers of the church who will be present, including Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. Alfred W. Hare, and Rev. Miles B. Fisher. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

RIPON. Different departments of the church are working out the program for the year on the "Project Plan." The Ladies' Aid Auxiliary hopes to carry forward its landscaping program for the church yard. The next step will be the seeding of the lawn. The Auxiliary joined with the Ladies' Aid in sponsoring the Rally Day which included a dinner. The Highroadian Club in keeping with its training in the broader program of the church has so far contributed to one of our Negro schools, a missionary in Africa, and started the fund (now practically completed) for renewing the flags for the church. Rev. A. C. Hacke is pastor.

FAIRFAX. The young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship have joined the "million-hour service plan," one of their projects being a door to door community religious census. A number of new families have been discovered. The Sunday School is having the help of three young women from the San Anselmo Seminary. A week-day church school will be launched in October, and two splendid teachers have been secured. Supervision will be under the pastor, Rev. William W. Meyer.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg opens a series of sermons on October 10 on the theme, "Guides for Life." As in previous years, he has submitted to members of his church the sermon subjects used during the year previous, asking that the four most helpful be indicated. The Sunday evening forum is presenting such speakers as Waldo Frank, Karl Brandt, Kirby Page, John K. Chapel, and Col. M. Thomas Tchou.

LODI. The churches of this city practice union, three of them uniting in young people's meetings, choir, and evening church services during the summer, and a larger number joining in vacation church school. Dr. Blanche Carrier will soon outline a program of religious education for the city. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, spent a portion of his vacation with a paint brush on the interior of the parsonage and on the garage.

SEBASTOPOL. A complete new roof for the church, which has been needed for some years, will be installed this autumn. Attendance includes nearly all boys in town new high. Certificates were awarded to those being promoted from one church school department to another. Mr. James P. Senter, the pastor, is delighted with the gain in apportionment giving thus far this year.

SALIDA. This church has subscribed a unit for the Original Plan Annuities. Bethany Circle has started a fund for repairing the church property. Sunday School attendance is good. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Again this church announces a remarkable schedule of seminars. They will meet each Wednesday evening from October 13 through November 17. There will be six groups, the discussion gathering about the following topics: "The Literature of World Reconstruction," "The International Ranges of Prophetic Faith," "Spiritual Resources for Personal Living," "Race Relations," "The Guidance of Children and Youth," and "Religious Reservoirs of Good Will." Space prevents the listing of the thirty-five speakers who will appear on the program. Dinner will be served each meeting night at 6:30, which will be followed by an address on some timely subject before the group discussions get under way.

CAMPBELL. Swinging into a new season this church has already put almost a hundred letters into the mail for the men in the Service represented on their Roll of Honor. Just one more payment is to be made on the organ, which gives the church a piece of equipment of which they are justly proud. The youth work emphasis this year will be placed on activities centered around a Youth Forum, which is now in the process of formation. The church will also be the meeting place of the Santa Clara Association Women's Federation on October 6. Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor, has had an organization meeting of the Cub Scouts, of which he is cubmaster, and the church sponsored Scout troop is commencing its fall program.

TULARE. Outstanding September attendance, showing a 38% increase over 1942, has filled the sanctuary each Sunday morning. Fine enthusiasm and attendance are noted in every department of church life. A group for study of post-war problems is being formed. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, is serving as chairman of the joint Community Chest and War Fund drive. The women of the church will entertain the fall rally of the San Joaquin women on October 15.

PORTERVILLE. Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, wife of the pastor, is now the director of the choir, at least until someone else can be secured. She is well qualified for the role. The elementary division of the church school has shown so great an increase in attendance that there are not chairs enough for all. In response to requests, Mr. Goldsmith included in one of his church announcements mailed to the people, digests of two recent sermons.

RIO VISTA. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, visited two trailer camps in the outskirts of Rio Vista, contacting 50 families and leaving an announcement and invitation with each one. The new "Plan Book" is being used as an outline for the entire year's work. Ten minutes at each morning service is used in giving some Bible information. Pictures of Bible scenes and characters are being placed on the walls of the Sunday School room.

WEAVERVILLE. The painting of the church is nearly completed, and plans are under way for renovation of the interior. The church is looking toward the celebration of the 50th anniversary of its reorganization. Rev. P. N. Bennett has not been holding services at Lewiston because of the great decline in population.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

A GOOD START ON THE NEW YEAR

Federation unites with the Conference at the annual session, October 19-21 at Plymouth Church, Oakland. Women's luncheon Thursday noon, the 21st, with speakers representing three Thank Offering projects—Miss Alice English, Mr. Herbert Dimock, and Rev. Nelson C. Dreier. Reservations must be made in advance at Plymouth Church. The price of the luncheon will be sixty-five cents.

The month of September is theoretically left free for the Associations to hold their own group meetings. Practically, for one reason or another, only two Associations this year have held meetings in September—the Bay Association and the Upper Bay Association. The first was held in the First Church of Oakland, September 16. It was small in attendance, but our Association President, Mrs. J. H. McCartney, gave us an excellent program. She, herself, Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, and Mrs. Scott Haymond, State President, were the morning speakers. Miss Mary Seely, of the hostess church, gave the devotional, and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach presided at the lunch table. In the afternoon, the speaker was Mr. Leonard Meltzer, Assistant District Attorney of Alameda County. His picture of the situation regarding juvenile delinquecy in our country, and right here in Alameda County, was an appalling one. We wish that more might have heard him and have some idea of the magnitude of the problem. We were glad for the steadying sense of quietude and strength that had rung through the Psalms Miss Seely had brought us in her devotional.

The Upper Bay Association held its meeting at Rio Vista, September 28, too late to get any report of it into this issue of "The Pacific." A sentence from the circular letter sent out to the churches of the Upper Bay by Mrs. E. T. Sherman, the President, emphasizes one of the chief purposes of these sectional meetings. Writes Mrs. Sherman: "Bring your questions, problems, accomplishments and inspirations." With such an interchange, the day must have fulfilled Mrs. Sherman's hope that it would be worth while. Of the Rio Vista church itself, Mrs. Sherman reports that the ladies have decided to omit the "Harvest Festival" which in past years has been their "big event" and money-raising project. Instead, they have substituted a Silver Tea, where fancy work, cooked food and other things will be sold, the ladies of the group being asked to make a personal donation to make up the difference in the money return.

Santa Clara Association will have its meeting on the 6th of October at Campbell. Mrs. J. O. Ferris has had her program lined up well ahead of time, as we should expect. Mrs. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto, Mrs. Haymond, Miss Mary Seely, and Miss Maryette Lum, former American Board Missionary to China and latterly a teacher at the Tule Lake Relocation Center, will be on the program.

The Central Association will hold its meeting on October 12 at Ripon. At the time of this writing, the plans for the program were not complete, but one interesting feature will be a symposium by some of the delegates on what they hope to accomplish in the coming year along the three lines of (1) Devotions; (2) Program building; and (3) Money raising. Those ladies and their President, Mrs. A. C. Hacke, do not mean to be caught unprepared when the new year's work begins.

Redwood Empire Association meets at Santa Rosa on October 14. Plans for this program, too, were under way. Mrs. S. S. Focht, President of the Association, reports good work from a number of the churches. Santa Rosa had a rummage sale which lasted several days and brought in very satisfactory returns, financially. Cotati held a most successful flower show. Petaluma women are principally engaged in welcoming their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Ouellette.

The following day, October 15, the San Joaquin Association will meet at Tulare. The enthusiastic President, Mrs. W. L. Goldsmith, writes that they are all looking forward with keen anticipation to a rewarding day. There will be a "Share a dish" buffet luncheon and a "Share the program" session, when each woman's society has a part to give: there will be a devotional, a short book review and high lights from the Reading List, music, and ("Saving our best till the last" says Mrs. Goldsmith) a closing address by our State President. This may be as good a place as any to say that Mrs. Haymond is, or is to be, present at every Association meeting and a most welcome contributor to every program.

Time and program are as yet undecided for the Sacramento Association, though the date will probably be the last week of October, and the place, Auburn. But, judging by word from Mrs. H. N. Dyke, Association President, the various churches in the Association are far from idle. Paradise and Reno come in for especial mention. Your editor wonders, by the way, if Paradise, remembering its good record made last year in the Reading List report, is planning to better that report this year. We hope so. Alturas is planning to take a group to the Conference, October 19, 20, 21. That should be an inspiration to all of us. If Alturas, one of the most distant of our churches, can do that at a time when so many of us meet the call with a murmur of "gas rationing" or "transportation difficulties," we should all be stimulated to our best endeavors to do likewise. Among the many interesting pieces of work which Mrs. Dyke reported from her own church, was one which sounded especially practical. A group of the ladies go out to McClellan Field from time to time and do all kinds of repair work on the clothing of the boys there—sewing on buttons, darning, mending tears, and so on. Mrs. Dyke says this is more than appreciated by the boys, and we can well believe it.

At the last Federation meeting, Mrs. J. O. Ferris made reference to something she has undertaken for our Thank Offering station at Dondi and nearby Chilesso. Dr. Mary Cushman, whom we all remember with such pleasure, had told her of a young Christian African who had come to her and asked if she had not some Christian picture which he and his wife could put up on the wall of the new home they were starting. Dr. Cushman fortunately did have a small picture of Christ, which she gave. But this young man is not an exception. His name is legion. Many of these Christian homes are eager for such pictures. So Mrs. Ferris is planning to collect as many as she can—from Christmas cards or other sources—and mount them, attaching ribbons for hanging on the walls. To many of these she will also fasten small one-cent calendar pads, since Dr. Cushman had said that West Africa is adopting our time and that calendars are much prized. Your editor asked Mrs. Ferris for this fuller account of her project, as she thought many of us who, perhaps, would not have the patience to get together a large number of the pictures and pads ourselves, would be glad to send some to Mrs. Ferris. Mrs. Ferris particularly wishes pictures of the Christ, although Dr. Cushman said that pictures of flowers or natural scenery also made acceptable gifts. Mrs. Ferris' address is 505 East San Antonio St., San Jose.

"DR. MARY"

A Cheering Message from Our Honored Missionary

My dear Friends of Northern California:

The few weeks I spent visiting in your churches and your homes were weeks of great privilege and great pleasure to me. Many happy memories are stored away in my heart. Your interest, kindness, and hospitality never failed. I am sure the Lord counts all as done to Himself and will give the hundred-fold reward.

Your gifts have been forwarded for use as you assigned them and God will multiply their fruitfulness in answer to our prayers. Those of you who have undertaken a "project" are especially to be congratulated. With the uncertainty of mails between us and Africa, you will need patience in waiting for news and response from your gifts; but "patience" has "hope" for a companion, and "hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

If I could only keep in touch with you all I should be very glad, but there are only twenty-four hours in a day and the many letters I long to write seem crowded out by the pressure of traveling, speaking, and visiting. So I am sending this brief general letter, and wish to put into it all the loving appreciation and earnest best wishes of my heart.

You will not forget the need of the medical work in Chilesso and the other stations of the Mission in Angola, and of all the departments of the Lord's service in that field of great opportunity and challenge; and in all the other fields of the American Board. I count upon your partnership in prayer and every possible help. Your investment, however small, however large, even to the investment of life itself, will be supremely worth while.

Please pray for guidance and help, that God's will and purpose may be fully accomplished for and through

Your missionary friend,
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REV. WILLIAM A. SCHWIMMLEY

Rev. William A. Schwimmley passed away at his home in Pasadena August 2, after an illness of more than a year. He has lived for a good many years in southern California, but will be remembered for his pastorates in Lodi and Oakland Calvary. He had been a Congregational minister more than 48 years. His wife and three sons survive him.

Frank J. Woodward Coming

As The Pacific goes to press we are privileged to announce that Rev. Frank J. Woodward, our missionary to the Philippines and associate of Dr. Frank Laubach, will be in our territory October 31 to November 14. Schedule of dates is being made. We are keenly anticipating his visit.

CALL A HALT

At Chicago, July 13, Bishop Edward Holt Hughes, just renamed as the head of the Methodist Church in Washington, declared: "Washington is setting the pace for the nation in wartime drinking with the per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages in the nation's capital now twice as great as that of any other American city. . . . Drinking and drunkenness in Washington are fearful . . . and the crime and vice wave sweeping the capital is a direct result of the heavy indulgence in liquor."

My Country, Right

My Country, right!
True to the laws of God and man,
Loyal to justice, fair to life,
Spurning the bigot's spiteful ban,
Holding the world in love's wide span,
Foe of fraternal strife.

My Country, wrong?
God grant that love may spare that fate;
But, if she errs, God make us wise
Humbly her faults to contemplate;
Thus may our meekness make her great,
Worthy in Freedom's eyes!

—Thomas Curtis Clark
Poem For Life

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Pastors who desire to observe a service of Harvest Festival may secure an order of worship through Rev. Thomas A. Tripp, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, 10, N. Y. Quantities for use by the congregation may be had at 50 cents per hundred.

SANTA CRUZ. Lieutenant Verdette Walters, chaplain at Camp McQuaide, preached at the morning service the last Sunday in September. Three new members were received at the September communion service. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

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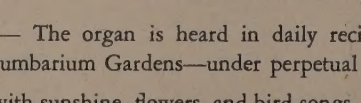

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